

Participation in and purchase of LNG from the Pluto LNG project

Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.

Today, Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd. (President : Mitsunori Torihara) reached a final agreement for participation in and purchase of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the Pluto LNG project being promoted by Woodside Energy Limited (CEO and Managing Director : Don Voelte) in the Australian state of Western Australia.

Tokyo Gas and Woodside have maintained a favorable long-term relationship through LNG transactions since 1989, in the context of the North West Shelf project, in which Woodside serves as the operator. This relationship formed the background for the conclusion of a basic agreement with Woodside by Tokyo Gas as the foundation investor in this project in December 2005.

The agreements for participation in and purchase of LNG from the Pluto LNG project are slated to be executed late next month. These agreements will formally be effective upon the satisfaction of conditional precedents such as environmental approval by the Australian government.

Tokyo Gas continues to expand our LNG value chain by participating in upstream businesses and widening LNG transport business. Through these activities, we shall maintain reliable and competitive access to LNG sources, extend our profit growth, and contribute to the utilization of environmentally friendly natural gas.

Profile of participation in the Pluto LNG Project

- Acquisition of 5 percent interest of the Pluto LNG Project currently wholly owned by Woodside, which includes an equity of the Pluto permit (WA-350-P), as well as shares of the project companies for (1) liquefaction, (2) storage and offloading and (3) sales and marketing, through a subsidiary to be wholly owned by Tokyo Gas and newly established in Australia
- Sharing of the total development cost in proportion to the share of interests (Estimated sharing costs for Tokyo Gas is about 600 million Australian dollars).

Profile of the newly established subsidiary

- Name: Tokyo Gas Pluto Pty Ltd. (incorporated in Australia and owned wholly by Tokyo Gas)
- Location: Perth, Western Australia State, Australia
- Establishment: late July 2007

Outline of LNG purchase

- Seller: Pluto LNG Pty Ltd (owned wholly by Woodside)
- Buyer: Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.
- Contract term: 15 years beginning in FY2010
- Contract volume: 1.50 - 1.75 million tons/year
- Delivery conditions: FOB (including some ex-ship delivery)

Additional information

1. Profile of Woodside

- Name: Woodside Energy Ltd
- Establishment: 1953
- Address: Woodside Plaza, 240 St. George's Terrace, Perth, Western Australia
- Representative: Don Voelte, CEO and Managing Director
- Business: Development and production of oil and natural gas resources, and operation of related projects

Woodside is a major Australian firm engaged in the exploration and production of oil and gas resources, mainly in Australia, the United States, and Africa. It is also a key energy exporter to Asia. It operates the North West Shelf LNG Project, supplying LNG to Japan, and owns one-sixth of the project interest.

2. Outline of the Pluto permit (WA-350-P) containing the Pluto gas field and of the Pluto LNG project

- Location: 190 km off the coast of Karratha in the northwestern part of Western Australia State, Australia
- Reserves: about 5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas
- Supply volume: 4.3 million tons/year
- Supply commencement: second half of FY2010

